

Public Works Committee Minutes Thursday November 9, 2017

Chair Lederer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Public Works Committee members present at the meeting were Chair Mark Lederer, Chris Petykowski, Cara Coburn-Faris and Yang Tao. Others present included, Village Engineer Brian Berquist, Crew Chief John Mitmoen, and Village Administrator Karl Frantz.

Compliance with the open meeting law was noted.

Mr. Lederer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petykowski, to approve the draft minutes of the committee meeting of October 10, 2017. Mr. Lederer asked that the sentence “This is not the endpoint.” be dropped in favor of the sentence “Mr. Lederer also stated that he believed the committee was committed to completing the project and solving the underlying problem of excessive speeding in the Village.” The minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0 with the above change.

Mr. Lederer requested Mr. Berquist to review the status of the construction projects on Locust and U-Bay Drives. Mr. Berquist reported that the Locust project was near completion. He discussed the new intersection of the bike path and pedestrian along Locust Drive, noting that while nothing further was planned at this time to discourage bikes from riding on the pedestrian walkway, a variety of steps could be taken should a problem develop in the future. Mr. Berquist discussed the height of the drainage hump, noting that on one side it was slightly higher than the designed 3” height, but otherwise working as was intended. The committee discussed what if anything should be done to correct this modest error.

Mr. Berquist then turned to reviewing the construction on U-Bay drive that employed the same contractor. He reviewed the location of the new permanent bump outs relative to the location of the initial, temporary bump outs along the drive as well as the location and construction of the new raised walkway. He noted that U-Bay Drive was a minimum of 20’ wide at its narrowest points in keeping with the Village’s ordinance requiring a minimum width for emergency vehicles. Mr. Berquist pointed out that the larger footprint of the now removed temporary bump outs could be painted on the drive, giving the appearance of a narrower roadway without impeding emergency vehicles. He reviewed the construction of the raised walkway, noting it was not constructed to the specified height of 3” and it compared to other raised humps on Village streets. The committee discussed with Mr. Berquist the impact of the error and he described a variety of possible remedies. The committee asked Mr. Berquist to report all the deficiencies to the contractor, reserving the Village’s rights to appropriate remedies at a future date.

Mr. Lederer requested that Mr. Franz notify the Madison Fire Department of the existence of the new raised humps in the Village.

The discussion returned to the drainage hump on Locust and the desirability of signage alerting drivers to the hump. Mr. Mitmoen and Mr. Tao discussed the location and design of signage.

Noting that winter was fast approaching making the continued use of tubes laid on U-Bay Drive to capture speed data impractical, , the committee requested that Mr. Franz confirm that the speed boards were operational and recording speed data for later review by the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. due to the loss of a quorum.

Respectfully submitted

Mark Lederer
Chair, Public Works Committee